

# WOODCHIPS - 2015



## December



**January Challenge:**  
Something that you made  
in 2015 that you never  
made before

**Get your raffle tickets  
when you come into the  
meeting**  
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**January Demo:**  
Mounting Burls for  
Turning - Rich  
McCartney



### Ya just never know what happens on a Saturday

When you get a couple  
HUGE pieces of wood at  
the auction you have to  
cut them up to move them.  
Spalted sycamore will  
probably end up - some of  
it - in the silent auction at  
one of our meetings. Look  
for it.



## Dues are Due



Could be a grand Christmas present, a stocking stuffer, a December birthday present.

We sure hope that you will continue your membership in The Kansas City Woodturners. You are what makes us go. You can pay online or give Kevin Neelley a check or cash. He may even have his PayPal charger with him and you can use your credit card. Get dues in early please.



So...you could be sitting at home, comfortable in your chair, watching TV, and Charlie from Woodcraft calls up. "Hey, I have a lathe here I want to get rid of. How would you like it for a great price?" he says. **KCWT** is now the proud owner of a new Jet lathe 16/42. Charlie is our biggest supporter and we need to be supporting him. When you are looking for something for your shop, check out what he has. Ask him and those he has working for him about accessories, finishes, sanding papers and other sanding stuff, pen kits and blanks, other turning kits, ask about the turning courses that are offered at Woodcraft. Charlie helps us out in many ways and doing business locally just makes sense.

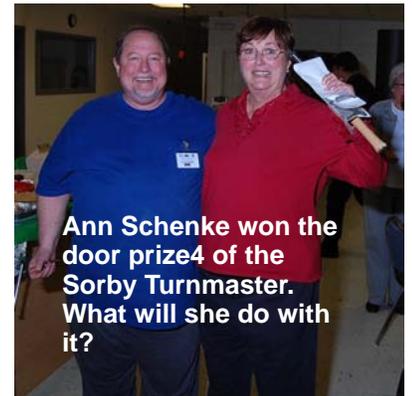


12/5/15 saw **Bud Schenke** and **Kevin Neelley** kibitzing via their electronic devices (kids these days!) regarding the KCWT web site. They have done a great deal to improve the site and if you have not been there lately, do yourself a favor and do so. Kevin has put up all of the old newsletters and they contain the history of our organization. Of course, they could be talking about Bud's purple vase that he made with his 3D printer that he got at the Maker Faire or Kevin's segmented vase that he brought in to polish with the Beall system. But, there is equal money that they were gossiping. They help make Saturday Open Turning an interesting activity.



When you have the ability and inclination to be creative and express yourself some pretty interesting things can happen. To add a little levity (as if some is needed) to Sunday School (if you don't know, you can ask around) Jerry Darter brought Rudolph

# MEETING



Ann Schenke won the door prize<sup>4</sup> of the Sorby Turnmaster. What will she do with it?



Mike Thomas, our out-going and in-coming president, got the meeting off to a rousing start by going through a review of KCWT's year of 2015 which was pretty impressive.

He received a call from a turner visiting in the area who wanted to come to our meeting tonight and our Silicon Valley visitor, Paul Rygaard who is the Membership Chair of the Silicon Valley Woodturners was introduced to the membership. Then it was dinner time.



Ed Jaszczak and Joan McMahon help setup.



Dale Darnell telling one of his "stories."



Andrew Mitchell and Jack Karstens probably talking about clocks.



Larry Dice contemplating ribs and Don Gruis contemplating



David Bartlett seems to be entertaining Linda McMasters



Mr and Mrs Kris Coyan with Bobby missing



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vega smiling for the camera



Paul Rygaard, Silicon Valley Woodturners



Lining up for the feast



If you weren't here you really did miss a feast and because it was a Christmas party, it was all low calorie.

Following the dinner there was the passing out of awards. The most Improved Turner was presented to Kris Coyan; Iron Turner stickers were awarded to Mike Erickson, Mike Thomas, David Burks, Kris Coyan, Rick Bywater, Anthony Harris, and Sue Bergstrand; Hall of Fame recipients were Jerry McMasters, Bill Kuhlman, Rick Bywater, Kevin Neelley, Anthony Harris, and Jerry Bywater; Those who received the Legend Award are John Schackelford, Edd Maxwell, Bob Davis, and Bud Schenke. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

## TURNING COMPETITION - ENTERTAINMENT

The tension was rising all during dinner. There were those who were anxiously anticipating putting gouge to wood to show off their skills, others who were looking forward to turning with someone they could learn from, and than there were some who were out for blood remembering defeat from the previous year. The lathes were set up before guests started arriving so participants had plenty of time to think about the competition. The tension was palpable - OK for some - Doc had to be awakened.

Mike announced the competition, teams were chosen - no one knows this very secret process. it just happens - the rules were explained, each team is to turn a bottle stopper with a Christmas theme and each person on the team will have one minute to turn, the teams were given a couple minutes to decide their theme and in what order they were going to turn, then the chaos/turning began.



The competition began with what can only be described as a ferociousness. Some team members were standing and watching, others were surreptitiously trying to disrupt other teams, team three started experiencing trouble right off the bat as the dowel spun in the chuck and getting round was going to be difficult, and team four just relaxed into the process-they were soooooo cool.



Team one designated a finisher who really knows his sandpaper; team two restrained themselves by giving distance to their turner, Team three was overheard praying to the woodturning god but it was neither Greek nor Roman, and team four, well...they were doing everything except putting a captive ring on theirs.



The crowd was really into it, except for Doc who had to be awakened. They were cheering on the teams of their choice, leaving their seats to get close to the action. Some, those primarily in front of team three, were experiencing a sense of impending doom and then team three's bottle stopper broke away from the chuck. But, what could have been a tragedy was avoided when the agile Phil caught the piece thus averting a tragedy.



Finally time had elapsed and turning needed to stop (much to the relief of the observers). Then each team's stopper was voted on by the audience and the loudest applause went to the cool team four. They were gracious in their victory - OK they lorded it over everyone else but hey did it in a coooool way. Someone was heard to yell-"Wait till next year."

The competition was obviously a success as only one person requested the official complaint form at the end of the competition.

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